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SUBJECT: UNFICYP

REF: USUN 1845; NICOSIA 1162

SUMMARY AND ACTION REQUESTED: ON ASSUMPTION OF
USUN THAT OTHER CONTRIBUTORS ARE WAITING FOR USG TO
TAKE LEAD IN PROPOSING UNFICY REDUCTIONS, WE HOPE DEPT
WILL AUTHORIZE U. S. DELEGATE AT JUNE SC MEETING TO INCLUDE
MISSION' S GENERAL POINTS IN HIS STATEMENT, AND WE OFFER SOME
THOUGHTS ON SPECIFICS OF UNSUN' S THREE RECOMMENDATIONS.
MORE IMMEDIATELY, WE RECOMMEND DEPT AUTHORIZE USUN TO
URGE UNSYG TO A) IMPLEMENT PROMPTLY UNFICYP' S LIMITED
PROPOSALS FOR FORCE REDUCTION AND B) INAUGURATE SERIOUS
STUDY LOOKING TOWARD DECISION TO CHANGE UNFICYP TO OBSERVER
BODY. SUGGEST WE TRY BRING ALONG BRITISH AND CANADIANS ON
AT LEAST FIRST PART OF DEMARCHE, BUT THAT WE PROCEED WITHOUT
THEM IF NECESSARY.

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1. WE BELIEVE U. S. STRATEGY TOWARD UNFICYP REDUCTION SHOULD BE TO PRESS HARD FOR PROMPT IMPLEMENTATION OF LIMITED CUTS ALONG LINES WHICH WE THINK UNFICYP IS DESCRIBING TO UNSYG, WHILE MAKING CLEAR THAT OUR LONGER TERM OBJECTIVE IS CONVERSION FO FORCE TO OBSERVER STATUS. WE THEREFORE SUPPORT USUN' S RECOMMENDATION THAT U. S. DELEGATE AT JUNE SC MEETING URGE THAT UNSYG STUDY CHANGE OF UNFICYP TO OBSERVER BODY, AND ADVISE SC BY NEXT DECEMBER OF FEASIBILITY OF DOING SO. IN ADDITION, WE RECOMMEND FOLLOWING ACTIONS BE TAKEN BEFORE JUNE MEETING. FIRST, THAT USUN BE AUTHORIZED REQUEST UK AND CANADIAN DELS JOINING USG IN REPRESENTATION TO UNSYG ON UNFICYP REDUCTION. SECOND, WITH BRITISH AND CANADIANS (OR WITHOUT THEM IF NECESSARY), USUN MAKE HIGH LEVEL REPRESENTATION TO UNSYG. DEMARCHE WOULD HAVE TWO ELEMENTS: A) PROPOSAL THAT UNFICYP' S OWN RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SHORT- TERM REDUCTIONS IN COST AND MANPOWER BE IMPLEMENTED PROMPTLY, AND B) REQUEST THAT UNSYG INSTITUTE SERIOUS STUDY LOOKING TOWARD CONVERSION OF UNFICYP TO OBSERVER/ MEDIATION BODY.

2. NICOSIA 1162 AND 1113 DESCRIBE PROPOSALS ALREADY MADE BY UNFICYP HERE. WE THINK UNSYG CAN NOW BE TOLD THAT USG AWARE OF GENERAL NATURE OF UNFICYP OFFICIAL THINKING. INCIDENTALLY, UK HIGH COMMISSION COUNSELOR DAY TOLD DCM MAY 17 THAT THIS MISSION WOULD URGE LONG TO SUPPORT (INFO NEW YORK AND OTHER CONCERNED POSTS) EFFORT TO SEE THAT THESE REDUCTIONS ARE PUT INTO EFFECT BY UNSYG. THIS MAY LEAD TO MORE FORTHCOMING ATTITUDE BY UK DEL IN NEW YORK.

3. WE AGREE WITH USUN THAT SYG SHOULD HAVE AUTHORITY TO MAKE CHANGES IN SIZE OF UNFICYP -- CERTAINLY THOSE OF MAGNITUDE NOW BEING PROPOSED BY FORCE. IN MONTHS AHEAD, WE WILL WANT TO LOOK CAREFULLY AT PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN SEVERAL CUTBACK OF UNFICYP, WHICH COULD CHANGE ITS FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES. ATTITUDE OF SYG TOWARD CHANGING MANDATE WILL BE IMPORTANT, AS WILL VIEWS OF USSR AND OTHER SC MEMBERS.

4. A FINAL REMARK RE USUN' S LAST SENTENCE. WE WONDER IF IT IS NOT TOO STRONG, AND PERHAPS COUNTERPRODUCTIVE, TO STATE THAT U. S. VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNFICYP WILL BE PROPORTIONATE TO USG ESTIMATE OF NEED FOR CONTINUED
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PRESENCE OF PRESENT NUMBER OF TROOPS. MIGHT IT NOT BE PREFERABLE FOR U. S. DELEGATE TO MAKE MORE GENERAL COMMENT TO EFFECT THAT USG CANNOT CONTEMPLATE MAINTAINING UNFICYP INDEFINITELY AT ITS PRESENT LEVEL IN EVENT OF CONTINUING FAILURE OF SYG' S EFFORTS TO PUT IT ON SOUND FINANCIAL BASIS.
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